



Padre Island National Seashore  
**SandDollar**



**Monday, February 9, 2004**

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} Indicates new information

**We made \$601 from the Spaghetti lunch for Chon on Friday!**  
**Thanks to everyone for your participation!**

## **Superintendent**

} Colin's schedule:  
Week of Monday, 2/9 thru  
Friday, 2/13 – On Travel; to Santa Fe, Denver,  
and Moose, WY.

He will return to the office Tuesday, 2/17.

} In Colin's absence, Betty is "acting" superintendent.

## **Administration**

**A message from Chon:** "I would like to thank the "Landscape Crew" of Rudy, Margaret, Jim, Mary, Tony M., Tony G., Maria and her kids, Cynthia and Linda. Thank you so much for brightening up my yard, but more importantly brightening up my soul. Just wanted to say thank you to everyone." Chon

Leave share donation forms have been distributed to maintenance, fee station, VC, and the lunchroom. If you would like to donate leave to Chon, please complete the forms and return to Jeanie. If you cannot locate a form, contact Jeanie.

### **TEL Courses**

Description of courses can be found at [www.telnpns.net](http://www.telnpns.net)

Feb 10	12:30-3:00	Administrative Grievances
Feb 11	9-11:00	Resolving Performance Issues
Feb 11	1-3:00	Dealing with misconduct and progressive discipline
Feb 18	12:30-2:30	NPS Recreation & Preservation Programs
Apr 1		Communication: The Key to Performance Management
Apr 1		From Hugger to Harasser: The True Story behind Sexual Harassment

### **Facility Management**

Just a reminder....Work orders submitted to Facility Management can be accessed by everyone. They can be found in the Excel program under the "S" drive. Click in the "FM" folder and then on "Work Orders" to see the Excel spreadsheets. This shows the ongoing status of all work orders submitted in the park. Automotive work orders are now being entered separately and can be accessed in their own file. These are updated approximately once a week.

The Facility Management crew has decided that we will do a fund raiser benefit every two weeks for Chon. Please don't feel obligated that you have to participate. We don't want anyone to get burned out, but Chon's crew has decided that they need to do something.

Here is a list of fund raiser events coming up for every other Friday:

February 20	Silent Auction starts February 17. Feel free to bring an item
March 5	All You Can Eat BBQ plate lunch for \$10 per person
March 19	Raffle. Information to follow

April 2                      Cakewalk. Information to follow.

Thanks, folks, for all your consideration and help.

## **Interpretation**

## **Protection**

The park was invited to participate in a prescribed fire on February 2nd at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. Jason and Doug went up to lend a helping hand (and drip torch) to the effort. Firefighters from Aransas NWR and Anahuac NWR completed the 7 person crew. The burn took place adjacent to SH 35 about 12 miles north of Rockport.

The next Pack Test will be given on March 1st. Plan on attending. Make sure you are preparing yourself for the test. Bring a 45 pound pack and be at Headquarters at 7:30 am for the pack weigh-in. After that we will go to BIB to the usual location.

## **Resources Management**

Personnel:

- Arlene will be attending the Environmental Management System meeting in Seattle as a coastal park representative. She will be out of the office Feb. 9-13.
- Darrell will serving on the GIS SEPAS panel Feb. 23-27. He will be in the office this week.

Projects:

- Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is no longer supporting the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network. All reports of stranded marine mammals are to be reported to the network directly. The contact number is 1-800-9MAMMAL.

- Darrell has received the draft final report for the reptile survey conducted by The Nature Conservancy. Anyone interested in reading and providing comments please contact Darrell. Comments are needed by February 16.

## **Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery**

Training of volunteers that will participate in our turtle patrols will be held on March 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, and 20. We have volunteer vacancies with the program and welcome newcomers, *but the vacant spots are filling quickly!* People interested in volunteering with the turtle patrol program should contact Cynthia by phone or e-mail so that they can sign up for the required one-day-long training session.

Daily patrols to the Mansfield Channel have resumed February 1. For the last year of this three-year pilot study funded by a USGS NRPP - Research grant, Linda Morehead and volunteers will again diligently search our shores for early-nesting sea turtles. They will also watch for stranded sea turtles while patrolling. Linda will conduct the patrols on Sunday through Wednesday and volunteers on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. These patrols will involve one trip to the Mansfield Channel and back to Headquarters each day. Most trips will be done on ATV, but if weather is inclement a truck will be used instead. These once-per-day patrols will be conducted through April 3.

**Rachel Blair**, a biological technician that worked for the USGS during the 2003 turtle patrol season has been hired to assist us again this year. **Rachel will EOD for the NPS here on February 8.** Welcome back Rachel - we need your help!!!! Donna is in the process of selecting and hiring the other technicians that will be on the turtle patrol team this year. These other technicians will work from March 22 through mid-July. Orientation and training for the technicians will be held from March 22-31, with the first camping patrol and the intensive patrol program starting on April 4.

Donna will travel to Cuyahoga Valley National Park on February 13 to deliver a presentation there that evening for their Lyceum Distinguished Speaker Series. The park invited her to deliver this

presentation and will fund her travel. She will return to Corpus Christi the next day.

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